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Planning

Carrier Strike Airborne Early Warning Initial Market Engagement

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Description

The Royal Navy requires an airborne surveillance system that operates from the Queen Elizabeth Class Aircraft Carriers and provides persistent 24 hours surveillance. The primary purpose of the system will be to provide the Carrier Strike Group, which would comprise of the aircraft carrier, support vessels, escort frigates and escort destroyers, with sufficient warning of air and surface threats inclusive of modern anti-ship guided weapons and strike aircraft to allow for effective counter threat action.

To drive the delivery of the best system that will underpin the defence and security of the UK in the future, MOD is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) to industry. The objective of the RFI is to understand the capacity and capability of the industrial base to support this capability requirement. The implementation options in the RFI are not prescribed, so we are interested in views from all interested parties on the best possible solution.

Please respond by completing the Microsoft Form in the link below by 17:00 on the 6th May 2025.

Link to RFI response form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7WB3vINZS0iuldChbfoJ5a6aZaFlrNdKrj-sA8pUVe1UMTU1WE42RDIwWkJHM1NTVTg4T1IKUUI5Sy4u>

Please send any queries about this market engagement exercise to:

dean.cordwell102@mod.gov.uk.

Where relevant and appropriate, this market engagement event may be followed by further engagement exercise which will be notified through normal channels (e.g. Defence Sourcing Portal, Find a Tender)

For the avoidance of doubt, this notice is not informing the market of an imminent procurement. All costs pertaining to the completion of this response are to be borne by the responders.

Please note, procurement dates and values in this notice are subject to governance and should not be viewed as a firm commitment. This RFI is purely to gain market knowledge and is not the launch of a new procurement. Pricing and timelines will be refined through market engagement, at this stage a cost of between £500,000,000 and £1,500,000,000 and a contract start date of between May 2026 and May 2027, with an introduction into service of 2030-20235 is estimated.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,000,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,200,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2027 to 1 May 2032
- 5 years, 4 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 35611600 - Maritime patrol aircrafts

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 May 2025

Engagement process description

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Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 January 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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